

Amendments to the claims:

1. (original) A valve (10, 110) having a valve chamber (14, 114), having at least one inlet conduit (16, 116) and one outlet conduit (18, 118) branching off from the valve chamber, having a movable lifting rod (34, 134), one end of which opens into an actuator (53), and having at least one valve member (36, 136, 236) secured to the lifting rod (34, 134), and having at least one valve seat (22, 122) cooperating with the valve member (36, 136, 236), characterized in that the valve seat (22, 122) and/or valve member (36, 136, 236) is elastically deformable, and that the elasticity of the valve seat (22, 122) and/or valve member (36, 136, 236) is at least so great that the valve member (36, 136, 236) can be thrust through the valve seat (22, 122) by what is in particular an external exertion of force and subsequently the valve seat (36, 136, 236) and the valve member (22, 122) return to their outset state.

2. (currently amended) The valve (10, 110) of claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the at least one valve seat (22, 122) and the associated at least one valve member (36, 136, 236) have a chamfer (58, 158 and 56, 156, 256) relative to the axis of the lifting rod (34, 134), which

5 chamfers correspond to one another.

3. (currently amended) The valve (10, 110) of ~~one of claims 1 or 2~~ claim 1, ~~wherein~~ characterized in that the elasticity of the valve seat (22, 122) and/or valve member (36, 136, 236) is produced by means of the elastic properties of the material used and/or by the specially designed shape of the valve seat (22, 122) and/or of the valve member (36, 136, 236).

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4. (currently amended) The valve (10, 110) of claim 3, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein recesses (82, 182) are located in the valve seat (22, 122) and/or in the valve member (36, 136, 236), which recesses are capable of receiving elastic material comprising the valve seat (22, 122) and/or the valve member (36, 136, 236) while the valve member (36, 136, 236) is being led through the valve seat (22, 122).

5. (currently amended) The valve (10, 110) of ~~one of the foregoing claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the surfaces (86, 186 and 84, 184) of the valve seat (22, 122) and/or of the valve member (36, 136, 236) are treated with a lubricant, which reduces a sliding friction that occurs while the valve member (36, 136, 236) is being led through the valve seat (22, 122).

6. (currently amended) The valve (10, 110) of ~~one of claims~~
4-5 claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the at least one valve member
(36, 136, 236) of the valve (10, 110) is calked at the lifting rod (34, 134).

7. (currently amended) The valve (10, 110) of ~~one of the~~
~~foregoing claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a second valve
member (38, 128) is mounted on the lifting rod (34, 134), on the side of
the at least one valve member (36, 136, 236) opposite the at least one
valve seat (22, 122).

8. (currently) The valve (10, 110) of claim 7, ~~characterized in~~
~~that~~ wherein the second valve member (38, 138) and the valve seat (24,
124) belonging to this second valve member (38, 138) are likewise
elastically deformable in such a way that both valve members (36, 136
and 38, 138) can be thrust through the valve seats (22, 122 and 24, 124)
with in particular external expenditure of force.

9. (currently amended) The valve (10, 110) of ~~one of the~~
~~foregoing claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein a second outlet
conduit (20, 120) with an associated valve seat (24, 124) and valve

member (38, 138) branches off from the valve chamber (14, 114) of the valve (10, 110).

10. (currently amended) The valve (10, 110) of ~~one of~~
~~claims 1-9~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the valve has a magnetic
actuator (53).

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11. (currently amended) The valve (10, 110) of ~~one of the~~
~~foregoing claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the lifting rod (34,
134) is made from plastic.

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12. (currently amended) The valve (10, 110) of claim 11,
~~characterized in that~~ wherein the valve members (36, 136 and 38, 138)
are welded directly into the lifting rod (34, 134).

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13. (currently amended) The valve (10, 110) of ~~one of~~
~~claims 1-12~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the valve chamber (14,
114) is hollowed out integrally.

14. (currently amended) The valve (10, 110) of ~~one of the~~
~~foregoing claims~~ claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the valve (10, 110)

is part of the water-associated control of the cycle of a heating or cooling system.

15. (previously added) A valve (10, 110) having a valve
5 chamber (14, 114), having at least one inlet conduit (16, 116) and one
outlet conduit (18, 118) branching off from the valve chamber, having a
movable lifting rod (34, 134), one end of which opens into an actuator
(53), and having at least one valve member (36, 136, 236) secured to the
lifting rod (34, 134), and having at least one valve seat (22, 122)
10 cooperating with the valve member (36, 136, 236), characterized in that
the valve seat (22, 122) and/or valve member (36, 136, 236) is elastically
deformable, and that the elasticity of the valve seat (22, 122) and/or valve
member (36, 136, 236) is at least so great that the valve member (36, 136,
236) can be thrust through the valve seat (22, 122) by what is in particular
15 an external exertion of force and subsequently the valve seat (36, 136,
236) and the valve member (22, 122) return to their outset state, the at
least one valve seat (22, 122) and the associated at least one valve
member (36, 136, 236) have a chamfer (58, 158 and 56, 156, 256) relative
to the axis of the lifting rod (34, 134), which chamfers correspond to one
20 another.

16. (previously added) The valve (10, 110) of claim 1, wherein the valve member (36, 136, 236) is elastic, while the valve seat (22, 122) is substantially rigid.

17. (new) An electromagnetically-actuated valve (10, 110) for water-associated control of the cycle of a heating or cooling system, having a valve chamber (14, 114), having at least one inlet conduit (16, 116) and one outlet conduit (18, 118) branching off from the valve chamber, having a movable lifting rod (34, 134), one end of which opens into an actuator (53), and having at least one valve member (36, 136, 236) secured to the lifting rod (34, 134), and having at least one valve seat (22, 122) cooperating with the valve member (36, 136, 236), characterized in that the valve seat (22, 122) and/or valve member (36, 136, 236) is elastically deformable, and that the elasticity of the valve seat (22, 122) and/or valve member (36, 136, 236) is at least so great that the valve member (36, 136, 236) can be thrust through the valve seat (22, 122) by what is in particular an external exertion of force and subsequently the valve seat (36, 136, 236) and the valve member (22, 122) return to their outset state.

18. (new) An electromagnetically-actuated valve (10, 110) for water-associated control of the cycle of a heating or cooling system, having a valve chamber (14, 114), having at least one inlet conduit (16, 116) and one outlet conduit (18, 118) branching off from the valve chamber, having a movable lifting

rod (34, 134), one end of which opens into an actuator (53), and having at least one valve member (36, 136, 236) secured to the lifting rod (34, 134), and having at least one valve seat (22, 122) cooperating with the valve member (36, 136, 236), characterized in that the valve seat (22, 122) and/or valve member (36, 136, 236) is elastically deformable, and that the elasticity of the valve seat (22, 122) and/or valve member (36, 136, 236) is at least so great that the valve member (36, 136, 236) can be thrust through the valve seat (22, 122) by what is in particular an external exertion of force and subsequently the valve seat (36, 136, 236) and the valve member (22, 122) return to their outset state, the at least one valve seat (22, 122) and the associated at least one valve member (36, 136, 236) have a chamfer (58, 158 and 56, 156, 256) relative to the axis of the lifting rod (34, 134), which chamfers correspond to one another.